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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on October 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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